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Legislation to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse Unanimously Passes the Florida Legislature

Tallahassee, Fla. – CS/CS/CS/HB 7095, legislation aimed to curb prescription drug abuse in the State of Florida, today unanimously passed both the Florida House and Senate.

"Today the Florida Legislature, with the support of the Governor and Attorney General, sent a resounding message that 'pill mills' and those who supply dangerous amounts of controlled substances to Floridians are closed for business," said House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park).

"I applaud Chair Schenck for spearheading this legislation in the House and collaborating with Governor Scott, Attorney General Bondi and Senate President Mike Haridopolos. Together, we have formulated all-inclusive legislation that has the best chance to shut down the pill mill industry that threatens the health, safety and welfare of our state's citizens," added Speaker Cannon.

"For too long prescription drug abuse has been a cancer on our society and has stolen the lives of countless Floridians," said Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee and sponsor of CS/CS/CS/HB 7095. "With the implementation of the comprehensive, meaningful legislation passed by the legislature today, we will have effectively stopped bad acting doctors from dispensing medically unbelievable amounts of controlled substances to addicts and children alike, and given law enforcement the tools needed to combat prescription drug abuse."

"I am confident that this legislation will successfully curb our state's addiction to prescription drugs and I thank my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as Attorney General Bondi and Governor Scott for their dedication to this issue," concluded Representative Schenck.

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